



# THE SEMINARIAN

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## SEMINARIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL WELCOME

*Greetings!*

*On behalf on the Seminary Community Council, I would like to welcome back returning students and extend a warm welcome to the new students.*

*To the returning students: we welcome again your input and involvement into how we might make the Lancaster Theological Seminary community a better place to live, learn, worship, and grow. Your participation in the past can be a valuable resource for our future together.*

*To the new students: we encourage you also to share with us your ideas and personal gifts. The community here at the seminary is enriched by your presence. There are many areas of community life that you can become involved with. The only limits may be your time and interests.*

*As we gather again to begin a new year of seminary education, we can rejoice in the diversity of our seminary community. We come from different backgrounds, moving towards different goals. Let us not forget the common trail which is the coalescence of our community; as a part of the body of Christ, may we support each other in this year of struggles and successes.*

*May God's grace, and the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, permeate our life together.*

*Shalom!*

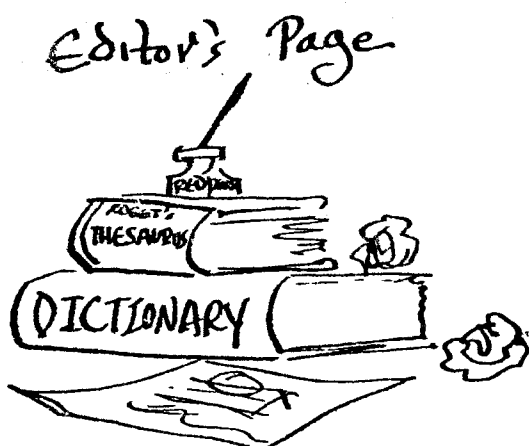
*Jon Fogle  
Vice President,  
Seminary Community Council*

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*As the editor of THE SEMINARIAN, I would like to welcome the members of the LIS community to a new year of sharing, of growth, of experience - of education, both in and out of the confines of the classroom. The wealth of knowledge and experience that comes in the package behind each new face we encounter provides a rich resource to all who are a part of this community, and in the communities beyond.*

*We are all gifts, and should seek to receive one another in the spirit of those gifts.*

*Because we all have gifts to offer, I extend this invitation to the entire seminary community: to use THE SEMINARIAN as a viable means to share your gifts; to give voice to issues of concern; to inform the community of special events of interest to its members; to creatively express feelings, ideas, concerns, joys, and visions. THE SEMINARIAN can only serve this community as efficiently and*

*effectively as the support, cooperation, and contribution it receives from the members of the community - students, faculty, staff, and administration.*

*As we begin this year of life as part of the LIS community, let us remain mindful that our personal differences are what make us unique. Let us look beyond the outward differences to see the commonalities in one another. Let us seek to nourish and sustain one another, through the times of beauty and the times of ugliness. As our journeys have met here on common paths, so let our journey here together allow us to realize those gifts we bring to relationships. We are a people needful of interdependence: we are not alone; nor can we survive alone. Relationship and community means we must risk. But it is risking that makes us strong.*

*The members of this community have much to share. Were that not true, we would not be in this community. I invite all to reach beyond ourselves, to delve into the realm of creative expression, to share a piece of our inner selves with the outward expression of the written voice; to risk being heard by virtue of sharing. The opportunity is there; all we need do is seize it.*

*As we rejoice in our differences as well as our uniquenesses, let us share in the common bond of being one in community, as we travel along this particular path together in our journeys.*

Kathy Cordaro

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\* leave a note in the SEMINARIAN mailbox or Kathy Cordaro's mailbox. If you have \*

\* ideas for future issues, or have something you wish to see included, changed, \*

\* or otherwise excluded, please address your concerns to the SEMINARIAN staff. \*

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# From the Editors' Desk

LETTERS FROM

A letter addressed to the second year collegium under Keckler and Salgat (formerly Webber) was given collegium support and consent from Bob Webber to share with the full seminary. The letter is dated September 23, and reads:

I haven't the energy to even begin to convey what the first week of the month in S.A. (South Africa) has been. Steve (Bob's son) and I have been to scads of meetings and talked to dozens of people of all kinds, we've been in the Township - where blacks and the "non-whites" are forced to live by the laws of the apartheid system. We've been on the streets, the countryside - with living conditions I couldn't have imagined - we've talked theology (mostly we've listened and tried to learn) - and we've even visited with wealthy farmers - "liberals" whose ideals, if not practice, is enlightened. We've even seen a production of Otello. Otello!!

But most of all what is most vivid at this moment are these things - the depth of the oppression of the people of color in this country. All theology and politics aside, they are entrapped in a mad, evil, absurd but thoroughly effective system. Second, the heroism and courage of the few church people, black and some white, who work a way to resist and to alleviate the situation. I have been in the presence of Christians such as I've never met before. Third, I've heard the gospel and the liturgy come alive in a new way for me, as it gains a new meaning in this context. Debates about non-violence, just war, etc. are very concrete to people's choices.

We are often depressed and angry, sometimes exhilarated, deeply moved, seldom bored - I find myself thinking a lot about social evil, and what resources of faith we have to overcome it.

Pray for us; I pray for you.

Peace,  
Bob Webber

## AIDS Hotline #

ASK EXPERTS ON AIDS

TOLL-FREE HOTLINE

1-800-433-AIDS

From St. Clare's Hospital  
and Health Center, New  
York City:

Back to school this year is dramatically affected by a health problem of epidemic proportions that demands accurate information, not hearsay or confusion.

One of the most authoritative sources available is a toll-free hotline (national) -- 1-800-433-AIDS served by volunteers at St. Clare's Hospital and Health Center in New York City. St. Clare's has been pioneering care and counseling of AIDS patients since 1985 when it opened New York State's first and only officially designated AIDS center, the Spellman Center for HIV Related Diseases.

The hotline, which operates weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, to 4:00 p.m. (all times are Eastern Standard or Daylight Time), offers expert advice on everything from drugs and AIDS to testing, and from emotional support and symptoms to sexual practices -- all on an anonymous basis.

Ignorance about AIDS can be fatal.

For more information, contact Mrs. Virginia Stuart (212-459-8413) or Mr. Michael Finn, E.B., Wilson Public Relations (212-213-0200), or write to: St. Clare's Hospital and Health Center

413 West Fifty-First St.  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 586-1500

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ADDITIONAL NOTE ON AIDS:

There is a number for the (717) area. With up-to-date information, counseling, etc. That number is (717) 394-9900 (Lancaster, PA)

## A SUMMER 'SCHOOL' LESSON

Summertime is, relatively speaking, a time of rest for us students. We generally spend our summers doing just enough work to cover our expenses for the coming school year. We think about school as little as possible; about education even less. Anything we do manage to learn is purely accidental, and is, more often than not, forgotten by the end of August.

For me, the summer of 1987 was supposed to be precisely that--a time of rest, a time of comfort, a time for not thinking--just like most every one before. But, as often is the case, things don't work out exactly as we plan them; we learn in spite of ourselves. And this summer, as people in my neighborhood like to say, I "got taken to school."

It began as I was reading the book The Idols of Death and The God of Life, a study in the struggles of the poor against false idols, written from the perspective of Latin American theologies of liberation. As I neared the end of the book, I began to feel confident--no, smug--about my ability to discern truth. I thought I could understand the poverty of the poor by reading about it. I further thought that I understood the concept of idolatry, not only for the poor, but for myself as well. Frankly, I was certain that I had divested myself of all my idols.

But around the middle of August, I received a major, major shock - my car was stolen. Not only was the car my main source of transportation, but it was my hobby, as well. I represented my possessions as their "king" - it was large and expensive.

I had recently spent a great deal of money, to the considerable detriment of my bank account, to have some major work done on it. It had a life of its own; it often made decisions, especially financial ones, for me. But the ironic thing was, the only life it had was the life I gave it. There can be no doubt: it was an idol.

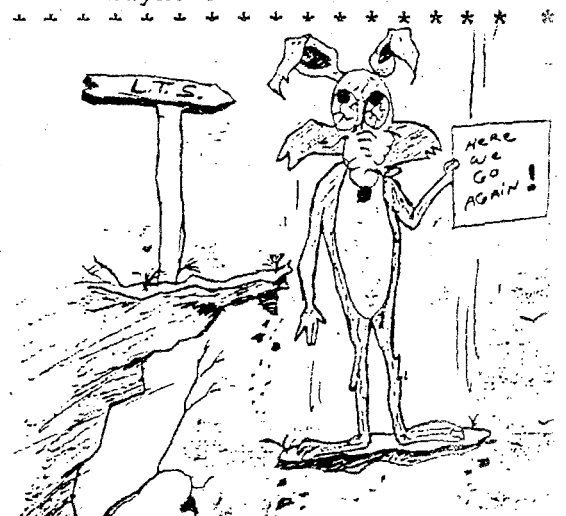
My initial reactions, I must admit, were not derived in any way from "love of neighbor." In fact, the things that I wanted to do to whomever had stolen my car should never be repeated aloud. But after a few days had passed, I calmed down, and was able to reflect on the

larger picture. I was able to gain a deeper insight into the predicament of the poor. I was vulnerable in the sense that I now had to depend on others for anything requiring transportation. Also, since I really can't afford a new car, I have to use public transportation, which, in the long run, will be far more expensive than if I was still able to use my old car. And now, since I have been using my bicycle as often as possible, I see poverty "up close" and at a much slower pace than I did when I could speed through those "bad" neighborhoods in the safety and comfort of my car.

But the real lesson I learned is one of idolatry. I learned that despite all my good intentions and rationalizations, I was an idolator. And no matter how much I hate to believe it, I will always be fighting to overcome new and more powerful idols. The Christian faith is dynamic. It requires an engagement with the self and with others in the world. And I have now come to believe a major part of that dynamic is the identification and confrontation of our idols, especially those that impact our relationships with others. It was very tough, but a very good lesson to learn.

Oh, yes. The car was recovered. But somehow, I'm just not in any big hurry to start using it again.

Wayne Urffer



## INTERFAITH

## HUNGER

## APPEAL

The following was received from Msgr. Robert J. Coll, Executive Director of the Interfaith Hunger Appeal, which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

## Editorial Comment

World Food Day, October 16, 1987

The only real "experts" on hunger are hungry people, and their hunger is caused by poverty. On World Food Day, 1987, the agencies of the Interfaith Hunger Appeal (IHA) ask you to reflect on this statement and support activities that enable people to lift themselves from the conditions that deny them access to food.

The problem of hunger cannot be solved by giving away food, although that may also be necessary in times of emergency. Rather, hunger will diminish only when those in need have the purchasing power and the opportunities to grow or buy their own food--in other words to become self-reliant. Self-reliance in turn, can be achieved only through a process of development in which people work together to remove the barriers--some of them institutional--that prevent the poor from improving their lives. All too often the social and economic growth of societies is achieved at the expense of those who are most in need. The benefits of growth must be spread broadly among all sectors of society.

To foster self-reliance, the agencies of IHA, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, work in partnership with overseas colleagues to provide agricultural training, expand credit opportunities, promote income-generating activities and enhance decision-making skills of poor people. Removing barriers to development and helping to create opportunities allows for the remarkable resourcefulness, wisdom and skills of capable people to flourish. Sharing experiences and conclusions, the agencies of IHA respond to specific needs by acknowledging and building on the talents and customs of their partners in the developing world.

You may be thinking, "But what can I do?" I am only one person." You can do more than you think by (1) understanding the problems and causes of hunger and actively involving yourself in the development of public policies that address these injustices, (2) organizing or joining campus groups that inform and motivate others to a better understanding of global hunger and (3) upon graduation, involving your corporation, community, and religious organizations in efforts that will make the lives of some 500 million people more humane.

What can you do? You can do a great deal by keeping informed and involved.

Msgr. Robert J. Coll  
Executive Director  
INTERFAITH HUNGER APPEAL



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VIETH



Rev. Smiechenmacher

The assorted  
APOSTOLIC  
FATHERS & MOTHERS  
OF  
L. T. S.



THE PROPHET  
AL-KROEBLER

# WHERE THE GRADS ARE . . .

Have you been wondering what has happened to some of the seniors whose futures were undecided as of graduation? Well, here's some news:

Steve Cahoon has accepted a as pastor at the Presbyterian church in Butler. You can write to Steve, Marie, Ken and Katie at:  
151 S. Woodlawn Road  
Butler, PA 16001

(Ed. note: Steve was ordained on September 25, and installed into the church on September 27)

Jeff Mettler was ordained on August 30, and started his position as pastor of the Tamaqua UCC. His address is:

44Lafayette Street  
Tamaqua, PA 18252

Curt Zemencik is the pastor at St. Paul's UCC in Sacramento, PA. He was ordained on June 7, and now lives in the church's parsonage at:

HCR #1, Box 1  
Sacramento, PA 17968

Sue Foster's professional life is still up in the air, but she has good news in her personal life. She is engaged to Craig Stoudt; they will be married on June 4, 1988, in Wallingford, CT.

Nancy Kuhns was installed as pastor of the Rebersburg Charge UCC on October 4, at Christ UCC in Madisonburg. The other churches in the charge are St. Peter's UCC in Rebersburg, and St. John's UCC in Tylersville. Nancy's address is:

Box 156  
Rebersburg, PA 16872

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Small children often pretend they are grown up...but their friendships are real.

Then, the same small children do grow up ... but their friendships often become a pretense.



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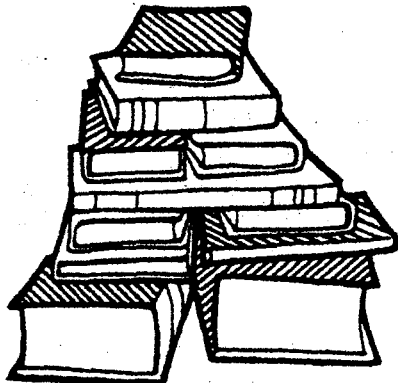
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## FROM THE BOOKSTORE. . . .



## NEW BOOKS!

A Singing Faith by Jane Parker HuberKneeling in Bethlehem by Ann WeemsChurch Meetings That Matter by Philip Anderson

Also, check out our books on Women's Resources,  
Junior High Ministry, and Spirituality.

## GOOD WORSHIP RESOURCES:

Wholeness in Worship by Thomas & Sharon Neuffer  
EmswilerPreaching About Life in a Threatening World  
by Sider & KingPreaching About Family Relationships by Elizabeth  
Achtemeier

## SPECIAL - SPECIAL - SPECIAL - SPECIAL

If you would like to review a book and write a  
short summary for THE SEMINARIAN, see the book-  
store manager for a special discount.

## S C C INQUIRY

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## SERVICE

## PROJECT

Keeping with its theme, UNITY & SERVICE, SCC is asking the Seminary Community to be in the decision-making process for selecting a community service project. Such project would be under the guidance of COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE of the SCC, backed by the SCC. Ideally, the project should involve every member of the LTS community in some way - time, talents, informational resources, etc.

Please consider your participation in such service project. We then ask you to share your ideas/concerns with us, so that we are able to make decisions based upon the needs and desires of this community. Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached form and return it to the SCC mailbox in the Administration Building by Monday, November 9. Also, feel free to attend the next SCC meeting to voice your opinions/concerns/ideas.

Thank you  
SCC

## POSSIBILITIES FOR SERVICE PROJECTS:

- ☐ seeking donations of funds or used books to provide to an East German Seminary
- ☐ donation of time/talent to a local Habitat for Humanity project
- ☐ raise funds to provide Thanksgiving turkeys to local needy families
- ☐ raise funds to help make the LTS campus accessible to those with disabilities
- ☐ raise funds/food supplies to aid needy families in area urban cities
- ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

## I AM INTERESTED IN/WILLING TO:

- ☐ serve as chairperson for the Community Life Committee
- ☐ serve on the Community Life Committee
- ☐ participate in a service project

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE invites the LTS Community to gather for a "Quiet Time" each Tuesday and Friday from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. Come gather your thoughts and refresh yourself.

The SCC will meet on the second Thursday of each month, during the Community Hour (9:30 am), in Hafer Center. The entire LTS community is invited and encouraged to attend.

The WOMEN IN MINISTRY group will hold two open forums to discuss issues and networking, Friday, November 6, and Monday, November 16. Both forums will be held from 12:00 until 1:00 pm in Susan Finasian's apartment, N 202. The group is open to all women in the LTS community. For more information, contact Linda Schmidt.

The SCC met most recently on October 8. Minutes from that meeting are posted in the Commons area in the basement of Lark. The next meeting date will be announced in the *Communicator*. SCC meetings are open to the entire community.

The SOCIAL LIFE COMMITTEE of the SCC is sponsoring a Halloween party on Friday, October 30. From 6:30 - 7:30 pm, campus residents are asked to receive "trick-or-treaters." Following that, at 7:30 pm, will be a Halloween costume party in the refectory. The entire community is invited to the games, prizes and the fun. Watch the *Communicator* for more information.

The next issue of the SEMINARIAN will be distributed on Wednesday, November 25. Deadline for submission of poetry, articles, letters, art work, and announcements will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18. Be sure to have your contributions signed.

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Note: The SEMINARIAN staff apologizes for the lateness of this issue, which is in part to a lot of technical problems.

DISCOVER LTS  
WEEKEND

The DISCOVER LTS event for prospective students will be held October 30-31. The visitors' schedule begins with 8:00 a.m. classes on Friday, and ends with lunch on Saturday. Many of our visitors will be staying on campus.

LTS students are especially invited the *Coffee Hour* after chapel on Friday, the *Panel Discussion* on Friday afternoon, and the Friday evening *activities* which are being sponsored by the SCC.

Your hospitality to our guests will be much appreciated.

Mary E. Hutchens

## Friday, October 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Classes Hebrew I  
Christian Doctrine
- 9:30 a.m. - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour - Room L 102
- 10:20 a.m. - Classes Preaching & Sermon Analysis  
Jesus & The Gospels
- 12:15 a.m. - Lunch - Refectory
- 1:00 p.m. - Housing Arrangements
- 2:00 p.m. - Faculty - Student Panel
- 3:00 p.m. - Tours - Meet in Archives of Library
- 5:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hour - Refectory
- 6:00 p.m. - Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. - Seminary Community Council - Chapel  
Arts in Ministry

## Saturday, October 31

- 7:30 a.m. - Central Market -  
Gather in Parking Lot
- 8:30 a.m. - Hafer Center - Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - Worship - Dean Baxter
- 9:15 a.m. - Workshops - Hafer Center
  - 1) Admissions
  - 2) Degree Programs
  - 3) Financial Aid,  
Scholarships,  
Insurance
  - 4) Housing,  
Payment Plans
  - 5) Field Education Placement
- 12:15 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Closing Session

Afternoon is free for Participants to tour Lancaster City and County.

It's



OCTOBER

and

Here's  
What's  
Happening!

Halloween

October 30, 1987 - Friday



6:30 - 7:30 for the  
children on campus  
and in the community

AND THEN...



A Halloween  
costume party  
for all!  
7:30 - ?  
LTS Refectory  
Games, prizes, fun  
See you  
here!

Pennsylvania  
Network  
of  
Biblical  
Storytellers

# PANOBS

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PRESENTS

November 21<sup>ST</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> to 3<sup>30</sup> pm

The Refectory at  
Lancaster Theological  
Seminary

555 W. James St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 393-0654

COST: \$15-

(meal included)

BRING YOUR  
Bible



"The Birth Narratives of LUKE"  
a workshop to be conducted on storytelling  
by Rev. Gil Bartholomew

Directions: on Rte. 30 to Lancaster, take "Harrisburg Pike" exit  
and turn south (away from Park City Mall); turn right  
at College Ave; turn left into Lancaster Theological Seminary  
A parking area is on immediate right; continue around  
one-way "horseshoe" lane to arrive at the Refectory.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ is coming with \_\_\_\_\_ guests  
for the PANOBS workshop on 21st of Nov., 1987

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY NOVEMBER 10th, 1987

Lancaster Theo. Seminary, Attn: DREW WILLARD, 555 W. James St. Lanc., PA 17603